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EDITORIALS*

THE DEL MONTE ANNUAL SESSION—NEW OFFICERS

Reports of Del Monte Session Will Be Printed in June California and Western Medicine.—The usual date for closing the receipt of copy for an issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is the twentieth of each month. This year the sixty-second annual session of the California Medical Association was held on April 24-27. Therefore it is not possible to print much news concerning that session because the May CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE will be in press during the time the session is being held.

In spite of adverse economic conditions, the officers of the Association have been hoping for a large attendance at Del Monte. The program printed in the April CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE indicated the splendid standard of the general meeting and scientific section programs. A special effort has been made to secure in advance some of the guest-speaker papers, to insure publication in this May issue. At this time, in anticipation, to all who had places on the program and to all who by their presence and aid made it possi-

* Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comments column, which follows.

ble for this year's annual session to go over in successful fashion, the thanks of the Association are extended.

According to custom, the place of next year's annual session will in all probability be decided upon before the close of the last meeting of the House of Delegates. In that event, the time and place of the next annual session will be printed at the top of the front cover of this issue. If you are of those who did not find it possible to go to Del Monte this year, it is hoped that at next year's session you will be registered as among those in attendance.

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Good Wishes to Retiring President Joseph M. King and to President George G. Reinle.—The California Medical Association extends to Dr. Joseph M. King of Los Angeles its appreciation of the services he has rendered during the last year in visiting many of the component county societies and in helping guide the central organization along safe and constructive paths. The fiscal year which came to a close at Del Monte presented many new and difficult problems which needed clear thinking and wise judgment in their solution. In this work Doctor King gave of himself unsparingly. As he joins the group of former presidents, he has the good wishes of the members of the California Medical Association.

At the end of the session, President-elect George G. Reinle of Oakland took up the responsibilities of the presidential office. In days like the present, the turmoil of new conditions is as evident in the domain of medical activities as it is in our political and civil life. Doctor Reinle's long interest in medical organization work will make him a valuable leader in the continued study of some of the major problems of medical practice to which the California Medical Association has been giving special attention. He may be assured of the generous and loyal support of his physician colleagues.

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Greetings to the New President-elect, Dr. Clarence G. Toland of Los Angeles.—The newly elected President-elect is Dr. Clarence G. Toland, one of the well-known surgeons of Southern California. Doctor Toland is an ex-president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and has long been interested in medical organization work. As there were no other nominations, Doctor Toland was elected by acclamation.

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Minutes of Council Meetings at the Annual Session.—In order to make it possible for members who were not in attendance at the annual session to get at least a partial orientation of the business proceedings at Del Monte, this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE will be placed in the mails several days later than usual. This delayed publication will permit the printing of the Council proceedings, with information concerning business acted upon and officers and committee-men who were elected. (See pages 386-395.)

Several officers of the Association made requests to be relieved from further service on the Council or on committees. Mention may be here made of three of such who, at this annual session, retired from the group of active official workers. Dr. O. D. Hamlin of Oakland, for many years the efficient chairman of the Council, because of many other responsibilities, requested that he be not reelected. The new chairman of the Council is Dr. T. Henshaw Kelly of San Francisco. Two other members of the Council who have long given loyal and able service to the Association and who requested that their names be not placed in nomination were Drs. William Duffield of Los Angeles and Robert A. Peers of Colfax. These and other officers who retired have the thanks of the Association for their past services.

It was voted to hold the 1934 annual session at Riverside, date to be announced later.

The total registration at Del Monte was a pleasant surprise, more than eight hundred members being in attendance. The Council minutes give additional information. The minutes of the meetings of the House of Delegates will be printed in the June CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

THE LEGISLATIVE SITUATION

Proposed Public Health Legislation Being Watched.—If space permitted, a summary or digest of some of the proposed laws having public health and medical practice relationships would be printed in this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. The lists and data previously given must suffice, however, until reports from the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation will make it possible to give more detailed information to the readers of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

All that has been previously stated in this column concerning the very large amount of proposed public health legislation and the heavy tasks which must be met by the representatives of the California Medical Association, still applies. For the time being, members who attend the Del Monte annual session must be depended on to carry back to their county societies the information given in the reports made at that session.

The newspaper press states that the legislature will recess some time in May, to reconvene later. Just what effect that new procedure will have on the course and final disposition of measures now under consideration in the senate and assembly is difficult to state. However, the representatives of the California Medical Association are alert to their responsibilities in these matters and may be depended upon to keep the component county societies in touch with all important changes.

ANTIVIVISECTION PROPAGANDA—SENATE BILL 674 (FELLOW)

Another Proposed Antivivisection Law for California.—On January 27, Senate Bill 674 was introduced by Senator Fellow. At this writing, there are eleven notations in the "Senate Weekly History" concerning senate actions taken thereon.

The senate passed the bill and it has gone over to the assembly, where it was referred to the Committee on Public Health and Quarantine, Assemblyman William W. Hoffman of Oakland, chairman. A first hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26.

The title of the bill is as follows:

"An Act to regulate the conduct of pounds, prescribing the duties of persons in charge thereof or employed thereat, and regulating the disposition of animals impounded or sheltered therein."

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Misleading Nature of the Title of the Bill.—On perusal the above title seems innocent enough. The text of the bill, however, reveals that it is a typical antivivisection measure: one of these emanations which, if the proposed measure should by chance become a law, directly and indirectly would mean loss of human life in the days to come. All this because of the enactment into law of a misguided attempt on the part of the bill's proponents to presumably protect dogs, cats, and other dumb beasts from imaginary and cruel experimentation by scientific investigators and physicians. No one denies the honesty of purpose of some of the antivivisectionists. But by and large, that group must be judged not by well meaning though misled persons, but rather by the mawkish sentimentalists who close their eyes to human suffering and unnecessary death in order, in self-laudation to themselves and one another, to live in a self-constituted world of super-kindness to lower animals.

From the standpoint of scientific medicine and of real humanitarianism, as well as of kindly feeling and action to all members of the animal kingdom, it may be stated that some provisions of this proposed law are little less than vicious. The supporters of the measure are carrying on the usually aggressive and misleading campaign so generally in operation when so-called antivivisectionists appear in legislative hearings. It is not necessary in these pages to go into details concerning this year's antivivisectionist effort as expressed in Senate Bill 674. It is enough to know that research workers such as Karl Meyer of the Hooper Foundation of the University of California are a unit in opposing it, because of the havoc it would produce to scientific studies which are aimed at prolonging human life.

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Excellent Criticism of the Antivivisectionist Propaganda by Chester Rowell, Esq.—Attention is here called to the splendid criticism which this proposed law drew from that well-known California publicist, Chester Rowell, Esq., of Berkeley, and which was printed in his "World Comment" newspaper columns. So excellent and unbiased is his portrayal of real facts, that CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is printing his original article (and also the second article which he wrote when criticisms of his first article came to him) in order to give a place in the indices of medical literature to this masterful exposé of current antivivisectionist fallacies. (See page 352.)